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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO AGREEMENT
WITH CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This is to request that your Board approve Amendment Number 1 to the Child Welfare Initiative Agreement with Casey Family Programs (CFP); and delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Chief Probation Office, or their designees to modify the Agreement with CFP.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the attached five (5) identical signature pages for Amendment Number 1 to the Child Welfare Initiative Agreement for Services to Children, Youth, Young Adults, and Families with CFP approved by your Board on December 11, 2012 (Attachment I). The Amendment will have an effective date of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS and Chief Probation Officer, or their designees, to amend the Agreement with CFP to modify the Scope if the changes are necessary to comply with Federal, State, or County requirements within the budgetary parameters of the Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement with CFP. By moving forward and participating in the Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP), Los Angeles County has the opportunity to continue making

critical changes in the manner in which child welfare services are provided to children and families in the County. This is an excellent opportunity to test the advantages of a capped allocation strategy with increased flexibility in the use of Title IV-E funds by implementing a redesign of child welfare strategies at the organization, process and service delivery levels.

On June 26, 2007, the Board approved the first Agreement with CFP and the acceptance of funds from CFP totaling \$1 million for Calendar Year (CY) 2007 to fund three project management staff positions each in DCFS and Probation to support the CADP.

On December 9, 2008, your Board approved the first Amendment to the Agreement; acceptance of \$873,000 for CY 2008 to fund project management staff and related approved expenses in DCFS and Probation to support the CADP; and delegated authority to the Director of DCFS and Chief Probation Officer or their designees to accept CFP funding for the term of the Child Welfare Initiative Agreement between CFP and the County of Los Angeles through December 31, 2012 and amend the Agreement under specific agreements addressing CY 2009 was approved. On October 28, 2009, the second Amendment to the Agreement was approved. On December 7, 2011, the Third Amendment to the Agreement with CFP addressing CY 2010 was approved. On November 1, 2011, the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with CFP addressing CY 2011 was approved. On December 11, 2012, your Board approved a new Agreement with CFP and the acceptance of funds from CFP totaling \$291,534 for calendar year 2012 to continue to fund three management staff positions in the Probation Department to oversee the Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP).

Without approval of the recommended actions, the County will not receive consultation services and technical support from CFP for DCFS and Probation necessary to facilitate operations and track outcomes under the CADP.

This Agreement meets one of the exemption criteria for retroactive contracts, as set forth in Board Order No. 70 of September 19, 2000, because the County is receiving funds.

The Board letter and Agreement were delayed and not completed prior to 2013 due to ongoing discussions with CFP to finalize the agreement and amendment.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Children and Families' Well-Being). The recommended actions will contribute to the success, and achieve the goals, of the Departments. The goals of the CADP include: (1) decreasing the number of children in foster care, (2) decreasing entries into foster care, and (3) Increasing exits to permanency for children in care three years or longer.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County cost impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In a motion made on August 8, 2006, the Board instructed DCFS and Probation to work with Casey Family Programs on Capped Allocation Demonstration Project implementation and data collection and analysis.

The essential terms of the CADP provide that for a period of five years, the State and federal share of foster care funds shall be made available to the County to finance structural, process and job improvements, including new programs and services, based on the estimated expenditures negotiated in the Waiver. The County's project plan includes expected outcomes, specific activities, timelines and commits to using Title IV-E funds in a manner that is cost neutral to the State and federal Governments.

Under the CFP Agreement, CFP will continue to provide consultation services and technical support to DCFS and Probation at no cost, and now, directly fund outside vendors.

The Agreement and subsequent amendments for these services were prepared by CFP in consultation with DCFS and Probation. This is not a County contract for services and so does not include County required provisions for contracts between the County and contractors, including Quality Assurance, the GAIN/GROW program participants or County employee hiring provisions.

Additionally, the Agreement does not contain governing laws, jurisdiction, and venue provision stating that the Agreement will be interpreted under the laws of the State of California and Los Angeles County shall be the venue of any ensuing litigation related to the Agreement. Because CFP would not agree to the inclusion of this provision, County Counsel did not approve the original Agreement as to form. However, Counsel has reviewed the subsequent amendments and Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management has also reviewed insurance and indemnification provisions.

The CEO concurs with the requested action. The CEO and County Counsel have reviewed and approved this Board Letter for filing.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Since the attached Agreement with CFP does not involve any costs to the County, normal contracting processes are not required.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There is no negative impact on current services.

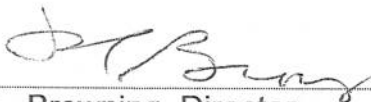
CONCLUSION

Upon approval and execution by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board obtain the requested signature noted on recommendation one on all five signature pages of the Agreement, retain one copy for recordkeeping and send the

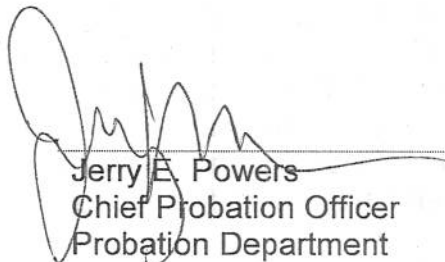
remaining four (4) signed Agreements and an adopted copy of the Board Letter to the Department of Children and Family Services at the address listed below in order to obtain the final signature from CFP. Upon final completion of all necessary signatures on the Agreement a original copy of the Agreement with all original signatures will be returned to the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board for recordkeeping purposes and an adopted copy of the Board Letter to each of the following:

1. Department of Children and Family Services
Alan Weisbart, CSA II
425 Shatto Place, Room 600
Los Angeles, CA 90020
weisba@dcfs.lacounty.gov
2. Probation Department
Contracts and Grants Management Division
Attn: Tasha Howard, Probation Director
9150 East Imperial Highway
Downey, CA 90242
Latasha.Howard@probation.lacounty.gov

Respectfully submitted,



Philip L. Browning, Director
Department of Children and Family
Services



Jerry E. Powers
Chief Probation Officer
Probation Department

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

FIRST AMENDMENT

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS
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CHILD WELFARE INITIATIVE AGREEMENT
AND
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES

Pursuant to Part I Section 2.3, Part II Section 2.3, and Part III Section 8.3 of their January 1, 2012 Child Welfare Initiative Agreement and Agreement for Services to Children, Youth, Young Adults and Families (Agreement), Casey Family Programs (CFP) and County of Los Angeles, California, through its Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Department of Probation (Probation) enter into this First Amendment to the Agreement, effective January 1, 2013 (First Amendment). The Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Child Welfare Initiative 2013 Strategy Plan.** In 2013, the Parties shall undertake the Strategies in the 2013 Strategy Plan detailed in Attachment 3, which is hereby incorporated to the Agreement. Throughout the Term of the Agreement, the Initiative Leads shall document the Work Efforts and Initiative Strategies in the Work Plan. On a quarterly basis, the Parties shall evaluate and document the progress and impact of the Initiative Strategies and Work Efforts according to the reporting schedule in Attachment 3.
- 2. Children, Youth, Young Adults and Families 2013 Services Plan.** In 2013, the Parties shall work together to provide the services in the 2013 Services Plan detailed in Attachment 4, which is hereby incorporated to the Agreement.
- 3. Agreement otherwise in full force and effect.** Except as specifically set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this First Amendment as of the Effective Date.

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

William C. Bell, Ph.D.
President & CEO

By:
Chair of the Board

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**ATTACHMENT 3
2013 STRATEGY PLAN**

Strategy	Strategy Description	Strategy Budget	Project	Description
Data and Research to support practice and policy reforms <u>Outcome</u> Decrease number of children in foster care	Use of data and evidence to improve child welfare practice and policy by building use of Evidence-Based Practice and increasing data capacity.	\$0.00	Data to promote practice reforms <u>Detail</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA County DCFS - Data to Inform Practice • LA County – Probation – Safe Measures & Data to inform practice • Data Fellows – DCFS & probation 	Support data capacity-building and data analysis best practices, focusing on accountability and data-driven outcomes-focused approaches. Promote and support an evidence-based and outcomes-focused approach to child welfare system development and organizational improvement in order to build consensus on appropriate models of reform, the respective roles and responsibilities of public and private agencies, and to provide input on areas on which the child welfare policy and evaluation fields should focus.

Strategy	Strategy Description	Strategy Budget	Project	Description
Finance Reform and Reinvestment <u>Outcome</u> Decreased entries	Educate state and local policy makers regarding existing financing barriers and flexible funding strategies that can contribute to positive outcomes for children and families.	\$0.00	Reinvestment <u>Detail</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and TA of LA County DCFS/Probation IV-E waiver extension application • Probation IV-E RMTS – maximization of IV-E and program reinvestment 	Help states/local policy makers, leaders and staff identify opportunities and potential mechanisms for capturing and reinvesting savings, providing positive fiscal incentives, and redeploying existing resources

Strategy	Strategy Description	Strategy Budget	Project	Description
Prevention and community-based supports <u>Outcome</u> Decreased entries	Reduce child maltreatment cases through practices and policies that prevent or divert most at-risk families and children by educating and targeting scarce resources, including community, mental health and domestic violence, alternative response and mandated reporters.	\$0.00	Community-based, family-centered prevention <u>Detail</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA County DCFS - Prevention Strategies: Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework • DCFS Early Learning transition and support to full DCFS implementation and sustainability • DCFS Public/Private Learning Community – integrate and educate within community providers' framework • LA County Probation – targeted evidence based prevention re: female JJ population 	Promote, research, and support school- and community-based family-centered prevention programs for families to receive the services they need to raise their children safely and successfully.

Strategy	Strategy Description	Strategy Budget	Project	Description
Promote permanency planning for children in care, including older youth and long-staying children <u>Outcome</u> Increase exits to reunification in 12 months, and exits to adoption in 24 months; Increase exits to permanency for children in care 3 years or longer (CFSR measures)	Emphasize expedited planning by supporting concurrent permanency options and targeted exit programs. Provide resources, training and implementation practices including case reviews to directly promote permanency options for long staying youth.	\$0.00	Permanency planning for long-staying youth <u>Detail</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA County - CAPP Initiative Work – connected to state wide CAPP work 	Invest resources, including staff, to address permanency planning for long-staying youth (in care longer than 12 months). Engage in ongoing supervision and monitoring of permanency planning efforts.
			Permanency Round Tables and case reviews <u>Detail</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA County - Permanency Supports – PRTs 	Conduct Permanency Round Table (PRT) case reviews and/or coordinate and engage in Peer technical assistance with jurisdictions that have successfully addressed the issue of moving youth in long-term foster care to permanency through case reviews.

Strategy	Strategy Description	Strategy Budget	Project	Description
<p>Strengthen system capacity to address full spectrum of system of care</p> <p>Outcome Decrease number of children in foster care</p>	Support long term systemic goals that enable child serving systems to interconnect, be data informed, hiring, retaining and training a competent work force.	\$0.00	<p>Practice model reform - end-to-end</p> <p>Detail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA County DCFS - Practice Model Integration and Streamlining • DCFS Policy Manual Rewrite • LA County Probation – final implementation phase of practice model • DCFS/Probation – CW/JJ Cross over youth streamline and integration 	Support broad, end-to-end practice model reform efforts and promote national standards for child welfare practices. Implement a practice model that provides consistency in practice; clarifies employee roles and expectations, informs training, policy, and quality assurance, and shapes organizational design.
Total				\$0.00

Quarterly Reports and CFP Funds.

CFP shall not pay any CFP Funds in 2013. Quarterly reports shall be submitted to CFP according to the following schedule:

Reporting Period	Report Due
January 1 – March 31, 2013	April 15, 2013
April 1 – June 30, 2013	July 15, 2013
July 1 – September 30, 2013	October 15, 2013
October 1 – December 31, 2013	January 15, 2014

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**ATTACHMENT 4
2013 SERVICES PLAN**

2013 SERVICES PLAN. The Parties will undertake the following direct services in 2013:
 (a) Permanency Support Services (CFP adjunct services); (b) Transition Services (CFP case management); (c) Transition Support Services (CFP adjunct services); (d) Family Services (CFP case management); (e) Family Support Services (CFP adjunct services); and (f) Consultation Services.

A. PERMANENCY SUPPORT SERVICES (Adjunct Services). The LA County Field Office maintains a discrete number of cases, providing intensive, supplemental services to support the case planning of the public agency case manager in an effort to expedite permanency for youth ages 11 to 18 (and siblings) under the custody of the public child welfare system (Permanency Support Services).

1. Decision Making Responsibility.

1.1 CFP Responsibilities. CFP will engage with DCFS to provide Permanency Support Services. CFP shall decide in its sole discretion whether or not to provide Permanency Support Services to any family, waive CFP Permanency Support Services eligibility requirements and/or the nature and terms under which to provide Permanency Support Services

1.2 DCFS Responsibilities. Placement, placement supervision and monitoring of the overall case plan is the responsibility of the DCFS child welfare worker. DCFS will maintain lead case management responsibility for youth and families served by the Agreement.

2. Eligibility: Youth must be 11 to 18 years old, adjudicated as a dependent child by the Courts, and placed in the custody of the local DCFS child welfare agency in order to receive services. Youth must have a permanency goal of reunification, adoption or guardianship in order to receive services. If the state/county goal is APPLA or LTFC, permanency support services shall include efforts to change the court order to adoption, guardianship or reunification.

3. Referral. DCFS will refer youth/families for CFP Permanency Support Services after determining the need for adjunct services to advance legal permanence. DCFS assigned managers or their designees will make the referral by contacting CFP's Field Office Director or Supervisor of Child Welfare Services.

4. Description of Permanency Support Services:

Intensive services are defined by the following characteristics:

- Casey staff are directly engaged with youth and families, in partnership with the DCFS worker.
- Casey staff utilize their skills in relationship building and clinical practice to benefit the youth and family.
- Casey staff may draw upon any services in the Casey Support Services Array (see below) in the delivery of permanency support services to contribute to successful

attainment of permanency for the dependent youth and their family, per the DCFS workers' case plan.

In Permanency Support Services, intensive adjunct services (the Casey Support Services Array) are designed to support Permanency planning and include some combination of:

- Family Finding (including, but not limited to: case mining, internet searches and tools, genograms, Mobility Mapping, Eco-Mapping, and contacting identified family members)
- Family Group Conferencing
- Permanency Roundtables, including shared responsibility for Permanency Action Plan implementation and follow-up
- Family connection and engagement including, but not limited to: birth family work, sibling visitation, and preparation of family to meet the needs of youth
- Team Decision Making participation and follow-up, only when initiated by local jurisdiction or service provider
- Planning for lifelong connections
- Emotional/mental health supports
- Life skills development
- Connecting youth and family to community supports and resources
- Flexible funding, short term financial assistance
- Educational supports/educational advocacy
- Employment supports
- Housing referrals and supports

5. Case Closure: Once the youth moves to legal permanence, their Permanency Support Services case will be closed. The youth and the referring DCFS Children's Social Worker will receive written notification that CFP is closing the case. If the family needs post-permanency support, the family may be served in Family Case Management.

B. TRANSITION SERVICES (Case Management). The LA County Field Office maintains a discrete number of cases, providing case management services for voluntary 18 to 25 year old young adults who have aged out of foster care, ensuring birth family and lifelong connections as well as strengthening life skill development, safety, well-being and productivity as young adults (Transition Services). The purpose of these Transition Services is to promote successful entry into adulthood. Transition services may include, but are not limited to employment supports, permanency services, and education supports.

1. Case Management & Decision Making Authority.

1.1 CFP Case Management Responsibilities. CFP will assume lead case management responsibility for young adults referred by DCFS and accepted by CFP for Transition Services. Young adults will receive services under a signed Voluntary Services Agreement.

1.2 DCFS Responsibilities. DCFS shall assist CFP in the provision of Transition Services as follows: (a) dedicating Transition staff to serve as a Transition liaison; (b) referring all eligible young adults to Transition Services at age 17.5, or within 6 months of their dependency being dismissed; (c) expeditiously advising CFP of eligibility of all Transition third party and self-referrals; (d) expeditiously processing youth payment requests for Transition services upon submission by CFP; and (e) actively working with CFP to cultivate interest and involvement of foster care alumni in Transition services.

2. Eligibility. Young adults who meet the following criteria are eligible to receive CFP's Transition/IL services: (a) over age 18 who are alumni of care; (b) who CFP believes will benefit from

independent living and case management services. Pregnant and parenting young adults are a priority population for CFP Transition services.

3. Referrals. Transition Services are voluntary and include case management and IL service planning for young adults residing in LA County. Young adults may self-refer to receive Transition Services, may be referred by third parties, by Probation, or by DCFS. DCFS shall only refer IL eligible young adults to receive Transition services.

4. Intake. CFP shall decide in its sole discretion whether or not to provide Transition services to any young adult, waive CFP Transition eligibility requirements and/or the nature and terms under which to provide services. To facilitate its decision, for young adults referred by DCFS, DCFS shall: (a) provide CFP with access to all files and other information in its possession regarding such referral, including but not limited to medical information; (and b) use its best efforts to secure legal consents as necessary. CFP will not accept referrals of any young adult for whom DCFS has not provided necessary referral information.

5. Payment & Costs. Service delivery costs for qualified services will be paid for by accessing Chafee IL funds or Education and Training Vouchers (ETV's) through the DCFS ILP, which insures that the vendors are paid. CFP, in its sole discretion, may pay for services that are not qualified Chafee or ETV services for these young adults.

6. Case Closure. Services are reviewed every 6 months and may be extended for another 6 months with the approval of the CFP Field Office Director. In its sole discretion, CFP may terminate its assistance to the young adult at any time following a review by the Supervisor and/or Field Office Director. The young adult will receive written notification that CFP is closing the case.

C. TRANSITION SUPPORT SERVICES (Adjunct Services). The LA County Field Office maintains a discrete number of cases, providing intensive, supplemental services to support the case planning of the public agency Independent Living provider, ensuring birth family and lifelong connections as well as strengthening their safety, well-being and productivity as young adults (Transition Support Services). The purpose of these Transition Support Services is to ensure successful entry into adulthood for young adults enrolled in these Services.

1. Decision Making Responsibility.

1.1 CFP Responsibilities. CFP will engage with DCFS to provide Transition Support Services. CFP shall decide in its sole discretion whether or not to provide Transition Support Services to any family, waive CFP Transition Services eligibility requirements and/or the nature and terms under which to provide Transition Support Services.

1.2 DCFS Responsibilities. Monitoring of the overall case plan is the responsibility of the DCFS worker. DCFS will maintain lead case management responsibility for young adults served by the Agreement.

2. Eligibility: Young adults must be Chafee eligible and 18 to 21 years of age. (Note: Young adults 21 to 25 may be served in Transition Case Management per applicable practice standards).

3. Referral: Young adults must be referred from DCFS and/or Probation in order to receive services.

4. Description of Transition Support Services. Assigned staff will coordinate with the ILP worker to determine which intensive support services Casey will provide and document these services on both the Casey Support Referral form and, once the young adult is accepted and enrolled, the Casey Support Plan.

Assigned staff notify the referrer of CFP's decision whether the referral is accepted, wait listed or denied within 10 business days of the request.

Assigned staff will meet with the young adult within 30 days after the referral is accepted and required information has been provided.

Intensive services are defined by the following characteristics:

- Casey staff are engaged directly with the young adult, in partnership with the ILP.
- Casey staff utilize their skills in relationship building and clinical practice to benefit the young adult.
- Casey staff may draw upon any services in the Casey Support Services Array (listed below) in the delivery of Transition Support Services. These services are designed to promote well-being and permanent connections for young adults.

In Transition Support Services, intensive adjunct services (the Casey Support Services Array) are designed to support Permanency planning and include some combination of:

- Family Finding (including, but not limited to: case mining, internet searches and tools, genograms, Mobility Mapping, Eco-Mapping, and contacting identified family members)
- Family Group Conferencing
- Permanency Roundtables, including shared responsibility for Permanency Action Plan implementation and follow-up
- Family connection and engagement including, but not limited to: birth family work, sibling visitation, and preparation of family to meet the needs of youth
- Team Decision Making participation and follow-up, only when initiated by local jurisdiction or service provider
- Planning for lifelong connections
- Emotional/mental health supports
- Life skills development
- Connecting youth and family to community supports and resources
- Flexible funding, short term financial assistance
- Educational supports/educational advocacy
- Employment supports
- Housing referrals and supports

5. Case Closure: Once the young adult, ILP and Casey agree that services are completed and/or are no longer needed, and/or the young adult attains the age limit for services, the young adult's Transition Support Services case will be closed. The young adult and the referring ILP will receive written notification that CFP is closing the case.

D. FAMILY SERVICES (Case Management). The CFP - LA County Field Office maintains a discrete number of cases, providing case management for families both referred by the public system or other agency with sanction of the public system for voluntary families with youth ages 0 – 18 (Prevention Services). The focus of these Family Services is: 1) to prevent entry into foster care; or 2) to ensure stability and prevent re-entry into foster care for reunified, adoptive, guardian and relative families post-permanency. In addition, pregnant and parenting young adult alumni of care with no current DCFS involvement may be served in order to help maintain family stability. Case management services include but are not limited to some combination of: case mining, family finding, family engagement, mentoring, case consultation, and provision of adolescent and young adult permanency and life skills groups.

1. Case Management & Decision Making Authority.

1.1 CFP Case Management Responsibilities. CFP will assume lead case management responsibility for families referred by DCFS and accepted by CFP for services; families will receive services in this program area under a signed Voluntary Services Agreement. CFP shall decide in its sole discretion whether or not to provide Family Services to any family, waive CFP Family Services eligibility requirements and/or the nature and terms under which to provide services.

1.2 DCFS Responsibilities. For Prevention Services cases referred by DCFS, the Adoptions Division of DCFS and the DCFS Court CSW will make initial referrals to CFP.

2. Eligibility. Families who meet the following criteria are eligible for CFP's Services: Birth parents, kinship families, and pregnant or parenting young adult alumni of care without open dependency cases will be served. Initial referrals to CFP will come from (a) the Adoptions Division of DCFS and the DCFS Children's Social Worker (CSW) (Prevention Services); (b) from County-sanctioned IL providers (pregnant and parenting young adult alumni of care), and (c) CFP transition services (pregnant and parenting young adult alumni of care).

3. Referrals. Family Services are voluntary and include case management for families living primarily within LA County. CFP and DCFS will work together to determine which DCFS offices will refer families for family case management. The CFP Supervisor of Prevention Services will provide DCFS a referral form to document referrals of eligible families to CFP for Prevention Services. CFP will assume case management responsibility for families referred by DCFS and accepted by CFP for Prevention Services under a Voluntary Services Agreement.

DCFS shall: (a) provide CFP with access to all files and other information in its possession regarding such referral, including but not limited to medical information; (b) use its best efforts to secure legal consents as necessary; and (c) inform CFP of all developments concerning the family. CFP will not accept any referrals for whom DCFS has not provided necessary referral information. Both parties understand that once a referral is made to CFP, accepted by CFP, and once CFP service provision begins, DCFS will close the case for services since DCFS has determined that there are no safety or risk issues that warrant their further involvement.

4. Case Closure. Families are served for six month periods of time. Services may be extended for another six months with the approval of the CFP Field Office Director and/or Supervisor. In its sole discretion, CFP may terminate its assistance to the family at any time following a review by the Supervisor and/or Field Office Director. The Family will receive written notification that CFP is closing the case.

E. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (Adjunct Services). CFP – Los Angeles Field Office maintains a discrete number of cases, providing intensive, supplemental services to families with youth age 0 – 18 to expedite or maintain a public child welfare case plan for legal permanency or a DCFS diversion plan (Family Support Services).

1. Decision Making Responsibility.

1.1 CFP Responsibilities. CFP will engage with DCFS to provide intensive, supplemental family services which augment the county case plan. CFP shall decide in its sole discretion whether or not to provide Family Support Services to any family, waive CFP Family Support Services eligibility requirements and/or the nature and terms under which to provide Family Support Services.

1.2 DCFS Responsibilities. DCFS will maintain lead case management responsibility for youth and families served in Family Support Services.

2. Referral: Families must be referred from the local DCFS child welfare agency in order to receive services. DCFS will only refer eligible families to CFP under a Voluntary Services Agreement.

3. Eligibility: Youth (ages 0 to 18) must be at risk of entering or re-entering the foster care system; i.e., the DCFS has opened a case but has not taken custody. In addition parenting young adult alumni of care with open DCFS cases may be served in order to help maintain family stability.

4. Description of Family Support Services: Assigned staff will coordinate with the DCFS worker to determine which support services Casey will provide and document these services on both the Casey Support Referral form and, once the family is accepted and enrolled, the Casey Support Plan.

Assigned staff notify the referrer of CFP's decision whether the referral is accepted, wait listed or denied within 10 business days of the request.

Assigned staff will meet with the head of household (HOH) within 30 days after the referral is accepted and required information has been provided

In Family Support Services, intensive adjunct services (the Casey Support Services Array) are designed to support the family unit and include some combination of:

- Family Finding (including, but not limited to: case mining, internet searches and tools, genograms, Mobility Mapping, Eco-Mapping, and contacting identified family members)
- Family Group Conferencing
- Permanency Roundtables, including shared responsibility for Permanency Action Plan implementation and follow-up
- Family connection and engagement including, but not limited to: birth family work, sibling visitation, and preparation of family to meet the needs of youth
- Team Decision Making participation and follow-up, only when initiated by local jurisdiction or service provider
- Planning for lifelong connections
- Emotional/mental health supports
- Life skills development
- Connecting youth and family to community supports and resources
- Flexible funding, short term financial assistance
- Educational supports/educational advocacy
- Employment supports
- Housing referrals and supports

5. Case Closure. Services are reviewed every 6 months and may be extended for another 6 months with the approval of the CFP Field Office Director. In its sole discretion, CFP may terminate its assistance to the family at any time following a review by the Supervisor and/or Field Office Director. The Family and the referring DCFS social worker will receive written notification that CFP is closing the case.

F. Consultation Services. The CFP Los Angeles Field Office may engage in consultation services for the local public child welfare system and community partners that impact the three areas of safe reduction. This may include participation/coordination of Permanency Roundtables, support through Supplemental Resources (flexible funding), or other supports that contribute to safe reduction (Supplemental Resources).

1. Eligibility and Funding. Supplemental Resources funding may only be used when use of the funds removes the final barrier to permanency. All efforts must be supported by this agreement.

2. Referral. Families must be referred from DCFS in order to receive Supplemental Resources. CFP shall decide in its sole discretion whether or not to provide Supplemental Resources.